

**Liturgical Schedule—February 8, 2026 Sunday of Meatfare**

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**Saturday February 7, 2026**

Beaverdale **4:00 PM** **Anticipated Divine Liturgy** [+Elizabeth Harrigal, by Marcie and Doug Roxby]  
*Followed by Panachida, Reading of Names of Deceased*

**Sunday February 8, 2026**

Portage **9:00 AM** **Sunday Divine Liturgy**

**Thursday, February 12**

Portage 7:45 AM The Third Hour  
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy-[+ Margaret Prudhoe, by Sharon Daniels]

Portage **1:00 pm** *Confessions-Mystery of Repentance*  
Dunlo 3:30 PM *Confessions-Mystery of Repentance*

**Sunday of Cheesefare**

**Saturday February 14, 2026**

Dunlo **4:00 PM** **Anticipated Divine Liturgy**

**Sunday February 15, 2026**

Portage **9:00 AM** **Sunday Divine Liturgy** [+Shawn Crum, by Steve and Janie Fleck]

**This Week:** Today is called “Meatfare Sunday” and is also associated with the Great and Final Judgment. The Gospel from Matthew 25:31-46 describes this in a way that is eloquent in rendering the magnificence of God’s glory. It is a glory and majesty that is at the present time hidden, obscured from our vision. At the end of time, the appearance of the “Son of Man” in his glory and all the angels with him, makes this reality clear and present in our awareness. It summons us to an awareness and recognition of our being accountable before God’s presence and the Gospel which he has revealed.

This week is called *Cheesefare Week*” and is understood as part of the Great Fast, a preparation period in which we enter gradually into the spirit and observance of the Great Fast.

**Prayer Partners:** The Great Fast is a time of prayer both as part of the daily disciplines of this season, as well as the Liturgical services during the week and on Sunday.

Prayer for others is especially valuable during these day. The names of **Prayer Partners** will be selected after the Divine Liturgy next week. If you wish to have a prayer partner, write your name on the sheet of paper that will be provided in the back of church, both for the Saturday Vigil Divine Liturgy and the Sunday Divine Liturgy [February 14 and 15]..

**Church Cleaning & Work Party:** The *Work Party* is rescheduled for **Saturday, February 14** at **9:00 am**. Our thanks to the volunteers for the monthly *Church Cleaning* and *Work Party*.

**Pre-Cana Program:** The Office of Religious Education offers a Pre-Cana Program for the Archeparchy once a year. For engaged couples contemplating marriage in 2026, there is a Pre-Cana Program on Saturday, March 7, 10:00 am to 3:30 pm at the Saints. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary.

The registration form can be found on the Archeparchy's website: [https://archpitt.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Pre-Cana\\_RegForm.pdf](https://archpitt.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Pre-Cana_RegForm.pdf). Please submit registration and payment no later than Friday, February 27.

**Memorial Donation:** We gratefully acknowledge a donation from *Natasha Tyniio* of West Charleston, Vermont, in memory of the *Mazur Family*. Eternal memory.

**Called By Name:** Mail your **Called by Name** recommendation(s) to the Office of Vocations.

Please use the nomination brochure form or the QR code. You may also find all information at the Metropolitan Vocations website at: [byzantinecatholicvocation.com](http://byzantinecatholicvocation.com).

**Pilgrim Vocation Icon:** During the week of **February 8-14**, *Molly and Brad Harrington* will have the icon to pray for vocations. We would like to make the icon available to home-bound parishioners to participate in this prayer. If you can help bring the icon to a homebound person please inform Father Jim. *Thank you*.

**Liturgical Propers:** Cheese-Fare Sunday February 15:

Troparion Tone 3--DL 135; Kontakion DL 218

**Troitsja**      **February 8:** Owen Slanoc      **February 15:** Lucy Harrington

**Bulletins:**      **February 8:** Joseph Blazosky & Owen Slanoc      **February 15:** Lucy & Luke Harrington

**Remember in Prayer:** As these needs change you may update your requests by informing Father Jim.

**For the Health of:** *Joe Thrower* [Saints Peter and Paul, Dunlo]; *Frank Jubara*; *Father Edward Pyo*; *John Havrilla*; *Cindy {Pyo} Lewis*; *Jane Pyo*; *Mary Donnelly*; *I*; *Sandy {Lucci} Georg*; *Jessica Crum*; *Barbara Havrilla*; *Frank Jubara*; *Susan O'Toole*; *Jeffrey Moist*; *Jean Petoro*; *Becky Zock*; *Thomas Goncher*; *Linda Sekerak*; *Jason Thornton*; *Charlett Thornton*; *Mary Lou Perich*; *Donna Block*; *Michael & Pauline Barelick*; *Matthew Barelick*; *Phil, & Dorothy Walters*; *Carissa Ratosky*; *Edward & Anita Wisniewski*; *Sandy Spontak*, and the homebound.

**HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: SS Peter & Paul (Portage):** Louise Halovich; Michelle Maskal; Dorothy Majer; Stella Raptosh; **Saint Mary, Beaverdale:** Carol Slifko; **NURSING & CARE FACILITIES: Rebekah Manor,** Portage: Joanne Stewart; William Prozialek [Dunlo]; **Richland Woods:** Elaine Vrabel; **Richland Nursing & Rehabilitation:** Edward Cimba [Dunlo]; **Maple Winds:** *Richard Whitcomb* **Autumn View:** Joan Timura; Andrew Deskevich, father of Father Andrew Deskevich.

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**Mysteries of Christian Initiation:** There is to be **preparatory instruction** for parents and godparents prior to the celebration of the **Mysteries of Christian Initiation – Baptism, Chrismation, and Eucharist**. Christian Initiation June be celebrated with the Sunday Divine Liturgy. Those selected to be sponsors must be persons who are qualified to be a sponsor according the norms of Church law and practice.

**Crowning in Marriage:** A **six month period of preparation** is to precede the marriage. Couples are to meet with the pastor before other arrangements are scheduled. The **Pre-Cana Program** offered by the Archeparchy in the spring of each year is an integral part of the marriage preparation for all couples.

**Holy Anointing & Pastoral Care of the Ill:** Please contact the pastor prior to surgery or in the event of illness to require the **Mystery of Holy Anointing**. When you or a family member are hospitalized or enter a nursing home or other facility, **please inform the pastor**.

**Mystery of Repentance (Confessions):** **Saturdays: 1:00 p.m. (Portage) and 3:30 pm (Beaverdale/Dunlo)**. Also, **½ hour before services [except Sunday]**, and by appointment.

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